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PROCEEDINGS

Fletcher's Grove Baptist Church, Route 3, Laurinburg, N. C. }
October 13th, 1915 }

Pursuant to adjournment of previous session, held with Nicy Grove, Wingate, N. C., the Zion Missionary Baptist Association met at the above named place today at 11 o'clock, Rev. Joseph Ratliff, presiding.

According to previous arrangement, Rev J E P Little, accompanied by Bro W H Staton, filled the stand to preach the introductory sermon. Bro Station, lined hymn No. 294 C. M. "An evil long I took delight," etc. Prayer by Bro J D Biles. Rev Little read the Scripture, St. Matt 4:1-11. Second hymn No. 559 L. M. "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord," etc.

Rev Little preached a very great sermon from the text: "And he said unto them, follow me and I will make you fishers of men." St. Matt. 4:19. Subject, "Called to the ministry." The speaker said in part: "Some characters of fishermen are patient, long suffering, and persistance. Don't throw out the wrong influence. If God make you, you will succeed. Say good things about the ministry and it will give them power. God did not call us to destroy men, but to save them. Jesus says, "I will make you"—not man made, but God made men, who succeed." The sermon was full of intellectual and spiritual power. While he talked to us out of God's Word our hearts burned, and we felt as though we were at the feet of Gamailia. Rev W H Horne led in singing, "I am climbing up Zion's Hill," etc. Prayer by Bro W H Staton. Deacon G R West lifted a collection amounting to $3.90.

EVENING SESSION

The Association re-assembled, Vice-Moderator conducting the devotional exercises, as follows: Hymn No. 248 C. M., "Amazing grace how sweet the sound," etc. Prayer by Rev A C Chambers. "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord," etc., was sung. After which the house was announced ready for business.

All officers were present. We proceeded to enroll the churches and their delegates. See roll.

Motion that we dispense with the program and proceed to hear reports. Carried.

The committee on Ways and Means reported. Report adopted. See Appendix for report.

Executive Board reported. Report adopted. See Appendix for report.

By motion we adjourned. Collection 70c. Benediction by Rev J F Davis.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled. After the choir had rendered several sellections, the house was announced in readiness for business. Rev R H Harris, of near this section, was introduced as visitor, and was accorded a seat of welcome. Rev Harris intimated that he had a message burning on his heart to deliver to us, but owing for lack of time he could not. Rev W H Horne, the pastor of the church, with well chosen words, spoke words of welcome which made us feel at home. Deacon D J McIntosh also spoke words in behalf of the church. "Bless be the tie that binds," etc., was sung; after which Rev J F Davis, in his usual jovial manner, responded on behalf of the field. "Wash me in the blood," etc., was sung, which closed this exercise.

Rev J C Chambers and Bro R S Tanner took seats in the rostrum to preach a sermon. Bro Tanner lined hymn No. 422 S. M. "My soul be on thy guard," etc. Prayer by Rev J C Ellerbee. Second hymn No. 350 S. M. "Come ye that love Lord," etc. Rev Chambers arose and announced as a text First Epistle General of John 3:1. "Behold what manner of love the the father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." The sermon was full of wholesome exhortations, and we felt the spirit of God as he talked to us by the way. "I wonder is my mother on that train," was sung, and we were led in a fervent prayer by Bro R S Tanner. After some remarks by the Sec'y and Rev R H Harris, on the work of Theological School at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and its needs, Deacon V B Morgan took a collection for the above named department of said school to the amount of $11.50.

Rev J J Hines made an inspiring speech along general subjects, and then spoke on the subject on program to which he was assigned. "The Union Meeting; its object and purpose, and how best accomplished." The speaker said in part: Union means strength; means oneness. Husband and wife joined together as as one in mind and in purpose. They have a similarity of spirits. Therefore the object in joining the church is to have a oneness of spirit, and to best accomplish this purpose is by coming together and perpetuating one Lord, one faith and one baptism.

Rev Hines made an impression upon us that will not soon be forgotten.

On motion we hear the report of Cor. Sec'y. Report received and adopted. See report.

By motion, the Treasurer made his annual report. See report. Report received.

Motion to adjourn. Carried. Benediction by Rev J F Davis.

SECOND DAY--MORNING SESSION

The Association was called together at 9 a. m. Rev J N Bennett and Bro J C Cason conducting the devotional exercises, as follows: "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," etc., was sung, led by Bro Cason. Prayer by Rev James Horne. Rev Bennett made some very touching remarks, after which Rev J W Diggs was called to the chair and proceeded to business.

Absent churches were called for. Elizabeth M., Rockford E. and Friendship reported.

Bro C L Leak asked the following question: "If a member is immersed in another denomination, and afterwards join the Baptist Church, should he be baptized again. Answer, Yes!

Motion that Revs J C Ellerbee and J W Diggs work on the Board pro tem in place of the Moderator and Secretary.

Question: If a man and woman marries and shortly afterwards there is born an heir, should they be excluded? Answer, Yes.

Rev Sims made some very touching remarks

Committee on Place reported favorably for White Oak, but the house changed the place to Meltonsville. Report received.

Committee on State and Condition reported. Report received. See Appendix.

Revs J S Brown, E J Fletcher and H W Townsend of the P. D. Association were introduced and accorded a seat of welcome. All made remarks.

Rev J W Diggs, accompanied by Rev B B Sturdivant, took seats in the stand to preach a sermon.

Rev Sturdivant lined hymn No. 379 C. M. "O for a faith that will not shrink," etc. Prayer by Rev J F Davis.

Second hymn No 459 S. M. "A charge to keep I have," etc. Rev Diggs arose and announced as a text Heb. 11:8. "By faith Abraham when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed." Subject: Faith and obedience." While we listened to his discourse our heaats felt the impulse of the Holy Spirit, and we decided to more exercise faith and obedience in God. After singing "By and By," etc., Rev B J Parsons led in a fervent prayer. Collection $3.75. Revs P C Covington and S M Evins were introduced and accorded seats of welcome. Both brethren made remarks.

Rev Covington was fraternal delegate from the Pee Dee Association. He stated that his field broke the record this year. They raised more than $600.00 for all purposes.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev R Diggs,

EVENING SESSION

The Association re-assembled, with the Moderator presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro G W Baucem, as follows: "The happy gates of Gospel grace," etc., was sung. Prayer by Deacon V B Morgan. The house being declared ready for business, Bro C L Leak, Treasurer of the Dormitory money, made report as follows: Received from Finance Committee, last Association, $62 41. Received at the various Unions $18 77; total $81 18.

The Union Meeting Secretary made annual statement of the Finance for the year. Report adopted.

Committee on officers reported. See roll of officers for report. Report adopted. Collection $1.05. Adjourned. Benediction by Rev J C Ellerbee.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled, Moderator presiding. In the praise service, the Holy Spirit caught our hearts on fire, and we almost spake with new tongues. Those that spoke in the meeting were Revs J C Ellerbee, W K Bennett, B J Parsons, J N Bennett, J Ratliff, and Bro Jas Diggs. Rev J F Davis spoke to us on the subject of Missions. He said in part, "Every time the watch ticks, one soul goes into hell without the knowledge of the blessed Son of God." He closed by making an earnest appeal to us as to what we were going to do about missions.

Rev W L Butler, accompanied by Rev James Horne, took seats in the stand to preach a sermon. Rev Horne lined hymn No. 378 C. M. "O for a heart to praise my God," etc. Prayer by Rev P P Pegues. Second hymn No. 417 C. M. "Am I a soldier of the cross," etc.

Rev Butler arose and announced as a text Ps. 146:1. "Praise ye the Lord; praise the Lord O my soul." Subject: "God's care for man." The speaker enumerated some things man should praise God for, viz: For creation, for preparation, for salvation, for redemption, for the Holy Ghost." "Praise ye the Lord O my soul." "Go find the wanderer," etc , was effectively sung, led by Rev James Horne, after which Rev W K Bennett led in an earnest prayer. Collection for old ministers $7.04. The session closed with benediction by Rev J F Davis.

THIRD DAY--MORNING SESSION

The Association was called together by the Moderator. "I want a starry crown" was sung. Prayer by Bro S H Waddell. "Come ye that love the Lord," etc., was sung. The Moderator made some timely remarks, and then announced the house ready for business. On motion the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and approved.

Committee on Condolence in honor of Rev W D Taylor reported. See Appendix for report. Revs B J Parsons, J F Davis and Bro P A Davis spoke in memory of the late Rev Taylor. Collection for Sister Taylor $1.70.

Committees on Obituary, Finance and Appropriations, all reported. Reports adopted.

On motion the following recommendation of the Executive Board in last Minutes was adopted, viz: We recommend that hereafter, applicants for ordination, be examined at their respective churches, and that the churches pay expenses of the Board. Bro G W Baucum, offered a resolution of thanks. Resolution adopted. See Appendix.

On motion there be created an Association in this field known as "Beneficiary Relief Association" for Ministers and Deacons. Joining fee $1.00. At the death of each member, one dollar per member shall be paid to his beneficiary.

On motion we dispense with business to listen to the doctrinal sermon. Rev J F Davis, accompanied by Rev A D Marshall, ascended the rostrum to preach the sermon. Rev Marshall lined hymn No. 231 C. M. Rev. Davis read his Scripture lesson from Jer. 23 Chap. 24-34 verses. Prayer by Rev J E P Little. Second hymn No. 391 C M. Rev Davis chose as text, Ps. 48:12-13. "Walk about Zion and go round about her," etc. The speaker said, in part: "The Lord wants us to tell the truth, and not mix errors with truth, for it is dangerous. Preach the word and not what you feel. God wants to take you in his bosom that he may weane you from your ways, not his way. Be faithful in teaching of God's word."

The sermon was a master sermon, and those of us that listened to it were greatly inspired, and our souls fed.

Rev Marshall closed by singing hymn No. 293 C. M. Prayer by Rev R Diggs. Collection $2.25.

Fletcher's Grove pastor lifted a collection for the church and gave it to missions, amounting to $2.00.

Thus closed one of the best sittings in the history of our Association. Benediction by the Moderator.

REV. J. RATLIFF, Moderator

A. L. LEAK, Secretary

APPENDIX

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Fletcher's Grove, S. C., Oct. 13, 1915

Executive Board beg leave to submit its annual report as follows: This has been a year of great phenomena. The European war, which began fifteen months ago, had such an effect upon the business world, the churches, twelve months ago, started their work under great embarrassments. We note with peculiar interest the turn in the financial tide of the country, and generally everything looks encouraging. A brighter day is not far distant. Great revivals have been held all over the field this year, and as a result 294 baptisms. God be praised.

Three Union Meetings were held in the Field this year. At Long Pine, at Pleasant Hill, and at McLain Grove. There were $133.33 raised, which will be fully itemized in the report of the Sec. of Union Meeting.

We note with regret that some of the churches failed to represent in either Union, and to make certain our report, we recommend that each church be required to represent in each Union, and those that fail to do so, shall bring the required amount to the Association.

March 13, 1915, the Board was called to Saron to examine Bros Frank Staton & W H Staton for ordination. After examining them on their Christian experience and call to the ministry, we proceeded to examine them on their knowledge of the Bible, doctrine of the church and church polity, they failing to make the required per cent, we recommend that they continue their studies Saron failing to comply with the rule of the Association in paying the expenses of the Board, we recommend that the expenses be paid by the Field.

May 30th the Board examined Bro D C Spencer for the ministry. He made 80:3-5 per cent. On the 31st he was ordained. Therefore we recommend that his name be placed on the ordained ministers roll in our minutes.

The Board considers the proposition offered by the Graded School Board at Wadesboro as being paramount. We hereby affix our approval and recommend to the Association for the adoption of said plan and proposition, to wit: That the two Boards co-operate the two schools as one school for a term of five years. That our part of the running expenses will be only two hundred dollars per annum.

We recommend that the Committee on Constitution be and is hereby instructed to change Art. 7 of the Constitution to say that the representation fee of the Ministers and Deacons shall be, ordained ministers $1.00, licensed preachers 50c. and the Deacons 25c.

Oct. 14 Rev B J Parsons was elected Chairman and Rev J F Davis, Secretary.

Bro James Diggs was examined in his Biblical knowledge and also knowledge in church polity. He failing to make the required per cent. we recommend that he continue his studies.

Bro O A Clinton was recommended and examined for his fitness for ordination. We examined his literary knowledge, he making 62 1-2 per cent, but being a little wavering in doctrine, we beg him to be a little patient in Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro I S A Hilliard was recommended to the Board by his pastor, Rev W T Sims. We examined him in his christian experience and call to the ministry and literary ability. He failing to make the required per cent, we recommend that he continue his studies.

We recommend the next Union Meeting be held with Flint Ridge Baptist Church, 4 miles south of Marshville, N. C., beginning Friday before the 5th Sunday in January, 1916, Rev W H Horne to preach the introductory sermon; Bro James Diggs, alternate. Respectfully submitted, Executive Board.

ON WAYS AND MEANS

Fletcher's Grove, S. C., Oct. 13th, 1915

We, your Committee on Ways and Means, wish to make the ollowing report: Whereas the Trustee Board of Zion Academy and the Trustee Board of the Graded School at Wadesboro have proposed terms of co-operation, to wit: That the two schools

be consolidated under the supervision of the Graded School Board for a term of one or more years; provided the State and County contribute $850.00 to the Academic department of the school, and that Zion Association contribute $200.00. These funds to be paid annually so long as the schools consolidates. Provided further that, and at any time the Association becomes dissatisfied and wishes to, can dissolve the compact. Therefore we recommend, First, That we impower our Trustee Board to consolidate for a term of five (5) years.

Second. That the money raised for education, under the constitution, be applied to the $200.00, and also all money sent up to the Association, Union Meeting, S. S. Convention, W H M Society, and Y. M. and W. C. A., Joint Meeting, for education, each and all become responsible till said $200.00 is paid.

Third. We recommend that the Trustee Board borrow sufficient money—$100.00—patch and tar the top of the present building; repair the windows, fit the present dining room, for boys dormitory, and make other arrangements necessary for the successful running of the school. The said amount to be apportioned to the several churches as extra apportionments to be paid in during the Associational year.

Fourth. We recommend further, that our present Trustee Board be and are hereby appointed committee to the Trustee Board of the Graded School.

Respectfully submitted, Committee

ON STATE AND CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY

Mr. President—we, your Committee on the State and Condition of the County, beg leave to submit the following report:

We behold with profound gratitude the improved condition all over the country in all business relations, direct providence of God. Our people are now in a state of hopefulness, peace and prosperity. Such conditions will tend to cause our leaders to be prayerful, expectant and perseverance. Therefore we pray

those in authority may be continually guided and directed by the gracious hand of Providence.

Further, we commend the sanguine judgment of our Chief Executive in keeping cool under fire, and thus far, preventing a conflict with Germany. We further, bow in humble reverence to Almighty God for his gracious Providence over us all.

Respectfully yours, Committee

ON OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas, the Lord has seen fit, in His Allwise Providence to visit the bounds of Zion Association and taken the spirits of members from our midst, we make special mention of Rev W D Taylor, whose biography will more fully be presented by Committee for that purpose.

Bro Wylie Henson, whose life was one of exempliary, and whose service as a Deacon of the church, was faithful till the end.

Sister Sallie Ratliff, wife of our honored Moderator, whose life gave great impetance to the church and Sunday School, and whose influence gave prestage to the Gospel ministry.

Sister Mary Leak, of White Oak, whose life was felt in her community and church, and work felt in this Association. We bow our heads and hearts to him who doeth all things well.

All the burdened families have our deepest sympathies.

Respectfully yours, Committee

ON BIOGRAPHY OF REV W D TAYLOR

Whereas, it has pleased the great Soverign of the Universe to take out of our ministerial ranks our beloved brother, Rev W D Taylor. As a minister, he was like Nathan, and also John the Baptist, who fell under the aggrandizment of King Herod. He did not mind telling people about their sins. He always spoke

what he thought, was right without fear of what man might say. He very concise in his language. He was also one of the earliest public school teachers in Anson County. As a neighbor, he always helped people in need. All people who wanted to do right, loved him.

Twenty-seven years ago he was called to the pastorate of Poplar Springs Baptist Church, of which he served six years without spot or blemish. As a citizen, he was loved by both races. He has known Christ about thirty years. And whereas, everything worketh together for good to them that fear the Lord, be it

Resolved 1st. That we bow in humble submission to Him whose eyes never sleep, and who ever guides him who puts his trust in Him. Be it further

Resolved, That a sketch of these resolutions be appended to the minutes and a copy be forwarded to the bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,

J T Ratliff
G W Baucum
J R Faison Committee

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It is with no little degree of pleasure that I come to you as Cor. Sec'y of Zion Missionary Baptist Association, notwithstanding through your kindness I have been permitted to serve you in other positions almost continuously for nearly fifteen years.

I entered into the duties of this office a few years ago, fully impressed with arduous responsibilities entailed, very well acquainted with the difficulties incident to the prosecution of these duties. I have given this work as much attention as my numerous duties would permit. As to my serving you, it is for you to answer. I think I have been highly favored to be identified with this work, and for the large measure of the increased interest manifested by the Christian brotherhood of Zion Association. I have been made to feel exceedingly sanguine over the future of our Asso-

ciation, and I firmly believe that this organization will yet be made an effective agency for directing the charity and missionary plans of the Baptist of our grand old Association. We need only the concentration of our strength to make our power felt. We would speak of the missionary work done.

Dear brethren—the money raised to do missionary work in our Association along the lines of educating worthy young men for the ministry, planting churches in destitute communities, fostering the cause of our Sunday School work, is quite meager; this ought not to be. We have scores of weak churches that need help; we have locations that need churches, and we have no money with which to supply these demands. We want to interest our brethren along missionary lines. We want some definite line of action decided upon, and all push.

The Home and State Missions will be more clearly defined by our Missionary. We should remember the other man that is coming on behind us. Fix for the other man. Brother, somebody fixed for us. The lesson of unselfish charity should be taught and practiced. We should give something annually to help other people for our own spiritual development. Would it be out of place to mention Hays, M'Dodonna and Thomas, our Missionaries in Africa. In this connection they represent us in the foreign lands—our mother land. Our obligations should be kept. Our covenant when we joined the church, the Missionary Baptist Church, Missions, we have taken a very grave responsibility upon ourselves. We are no longer foreigners, but Missionary Baptists. To only do local work is not enough. Listen, "Go ye into all the world "

We recommend that our school at Zion Academy, be cared for. This is ours.

The Sunday Schools are doing a great work in helping the church to educate the communities spiritually. There should be as few independent Sunday Schools as possible. Sometimes they

create a friction. Be careful. The Young Men and Women's Christian Association is doing a great work in the field led by the invincible honored A L Leak, the Recording Secretary of Zion Association. We would ask every pastor to throw open his doors to the Missionaries of this department. The Women's Home Mission Society is worthy of mentioning. Let us harmonize our interests in these different missionary organizations, and let the missionary of one of these bodies represent the interest of the other. We commend the work done by our Executive Board. We believe they are men of God, having the eyes of an eagle, spying evil afar off.

Dear brethren, my last appeal to you is this: Keep in your mind the will of your Master, who prayed "That they may be one, even as we are one."

Respectfully submitted, G W Baucum,
Cor. Sec. of Zion Association

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, We have been so royally intertained by the good people of Fletcher's Grove, the care that has been takened with us, the good smiles, hightoned reception given us in their homes, and

Whereas, Rev W H Horne, the pastor, has put forth such great efforts, and given great cordiality to the ministers, delegates and visitors; and further, for the interest he has given in looking out for our comfort, be it

Resolved, that we turn a standing vote of thanks to the church, the pastor and community. G. W. Baucum.

Churches, Clerks & Their Postoffices and The Amount Each Paid on Dormitory Fund, Bal. Due :

	Paid	Due
Bethel—G A Richardson, Route 2, Norwood, N C	75	11 25
Brown Creek—K H Diggs, R'te 1, B-136, Wadesboro, N C	1 90	33 60
Cedar Creek—W H Huntley, Route 2, Wadesboro "	1 25	12 25
Chilson Grove—James Diggs, Lilesville, N C	30	7 20
Deep Creek—J P Huntley, Route 1, White Store N C	11 16	111 34
Ebenezer—G W Crowder, Wadesboro, N C		7 75
Elizabeth M—J Q Robinson, Monroe, N C	11 00	25 25
Elizabeth P. D.—Miss M J Robinson, Route 1, Pee Dee, N C	1 20	7 55
Fletcher's Grove—Essie——— Route 1, McCall, S C	2 75	23 25
Flint Ridge—O L Tanner, Route 2, Peachland, N C	4 65	33 60
Friendship—W M Nivens, Monroe, N C		10 00
Long Pine—J C Collins, Route 2, Chesterfield S C	3 75	9 75
Madison Grove—A L Leak, Route 2, B-26, Wadesboro N C	21 00	
Meltonsville—K D Crowder, Route 1, White Store N C	9 30	115 20
McLain Grove—Cyrus Ratliff, Route 1, McFarlan N C		13 75
Mt. Zion—F D Sturdivant, Wadesboro N C	6 00	8 50
New Zion—J R Alsobrooks, Peachland N C	5 00	17 00
New Grove—M P Bennett, Route 1, Box 17, Polkton N C		24 50
Nicy Grove—G W Ashcraft, Route 1, Marshville N C		30 00
Olive Branch—Thomas S Parker, Route 2, Marshville N C	50	3 75
Parsons Grove—A D Byrd, Lilesville N C	75	105 75
Pleasant Hill—A B Moore, Route 1, Morven N C	50	8 75
Poplar Hill—A D Gaddy, Jr., Route 2, Wadesboro N C	50	17 00
Poplar Springs—W E Davis, Route 2, Polkton N C	4 60	35 90
Ramah Grove—Q S Sturdivant, Route 1, Morven N C	6 00	34 75
Rockford E—S S Bennett, Wadesboro N C	8 50	37 00
Rockford W—E M Tillman, Route 2, Morven N C	9 75	39 25
Sandy Ridge—M P Waring, Route 2, Morven N C	1 00	23 50
Saron—R B McCoy, Polkton, N C	3 65	12 85
Shankle Grove—A D Davis, Shankle N C	1 00	15 75
Timmonsville—F K Sellers, Route 1, B-40, Chesterfield S C	45	27 05
White Oak—R C Cox, Morven N C	5 06	21 19

The above report does not include the amount of Dormitory money paid in at the various Unions. Only Deep Creek and White Oak.

REPORT OF THE UNION MEETING FOR 1915

CHURCHES	November, Zion's Dormitory	November, Rep. Fees	January, Zion's Dormitory	January, Rep. Fees	May, Zion's Dormitory	May, Rep. Fees	Missions
Bethel	$	$ 1 00	$	$ 50	$	$ 1 00	$
Brown Creek				1 00			
Cedar Creek	1 00	1 00				1 00	42
Chilson Grove		1 00		1 00		1 00	
Deek Creek		1 00	10.10	1 00		1 00	25
Ebenezar		1 00				1 00	70
Elizabeth M							
Elizabeth P. D.						1 00	
Fletcher's Grove		1 00		1 00		1 00	
Flint Ridge							
Madison Grove		1 00		1 00		1 00	
Meltonsville	3 00	1 00				2 15	
McLain's Grove		1 00		1 00		1 00	
Mt. Zion				1 00		1 00	25
Long Pine	1 25	1 00		1 00		1 00	
New Grove						2 21	
New Zion		1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	25
Nicy Grove		1 00		1 00		1 25	75
Olive Branch				50		50	50
Parsons Grove	1 00	1 00		1 00		1 00	
Pleasant Hill		1 00		1 00		1 00	
Poplar Hill		1 00		50			
Poplar Spring				1 00		1 00	25
Ramah Grove	1 00	1 00		1 00		1 00	
Rockford E.		1 00				2 00	
Rockford W.		1 00		1 00		1 00	
Sandy Ridge				2 00		2 00	
Saron		1 00				2 00	25
Shankle Grove		1 00		1 00		1 00	
Timmonsville		1 00		1 00		1 00	
White Oak		1 00		1 00		1 00	
Friendship							
Totals	7 25	$22 11	10.10	$21 50	1 00	$32 00	3 62

Total	97 58
Public Col.	28 51
Grand total	$126.09

DISBURSEMENT—

Moderator	$ 3.00
Secretary	4.50
Sexton	1.50
Missions paid to Rev J F Davis	3.62
Donation to Rev Joe Ratliff	2.50
Donation to Rev R Diggs	2.50
Paid to Rev J R Faison on Salary	60.00
Donation to Long Pine	2.00
Donation to Pleasant Hill	1.00
Donation to Chilson Grove	1.50
Donation to McLain's Grove	1.50
Donation to Sister Lizzy Taylor	1.50
Paid to Rev J F Davis on postage of Olive Branch Church	2 00
P'd to Rev J T Ratliff for letter writing & postage	1.30
Total	$88.42

Balance in Treasury for the year ending May the 30th, 1915, $21.03

$18.35 of the above amount went into Zion's Dormitory Treasury

Rev B J Parsons, Moderator
Rev J T Ratliff, Sec'y
Bro A L Leak, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending Oct. 1st, 1915

Received at last Association	$127.51
Oct. 1914, paid J R Faison on salary	50.00
Nov. 1914, paid J F Davis, printing S S C Minues	28.00
Jan. 1915, paid W T Rose, Premium on Ins. on Z. A.	24.36
Total	$102.36
Bal. on hand	$25.15

B B Sturdivant, Treasurer

ON APPROPRIATIONS

To Secretary for services	$15.00
To Printing Minutes, etc.	30.00
To Corresponding Secretary for services	5.00
To Sexton for services	1.00
To Moderator for services	1.50
To Aged Minister, Rev Ratliff	3.42
" J N Bennett	2.50
" R Diggs	3.42
" H D Tillman	2.50
" D A Tillman	2.50
" B J Parsons	2.50
" Fletcher's Grove Church, donation	7.25
" Finance Committee for service	4 00
" Executive Board for service	4.00
" J F Davis, Traveling expenses to T. B.	1.50
" J F Davis, donation by Madison Grove	1.00
" J F Davis, for missions	20 78
" G W Baucum, Theological Dept. S. U.	11.50
" C Leak, Dormitory money	22.55
" A L Leak, acct. for last year and order B.	1.95
" Mrs Lizzie Taylor, donation	1.70
" J R Faison, on Teacher's Salary Z. A.	25.00
Total,	$170.57

Balance in the Treasury $109.80

ON FINANCE

CHURCHES	Rep. Fee	Missions	Local Education	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Total Sent
Bethel	$ 2 00	$	$ 25	$	$	2 25
Brown Creek	7 70	25	40	25	50	9 10
Cedar Creek	2 60	50			25	3 35
Chilson Grove	1 80	50				2 30
Deep Creek	25 00		50			25 50
Ebenezer	1 50	70				2 20
Elizabeth M	8 50	1 50	5 00	50	50	16 00
Elizabeth P D	2 15	85	20		30	3 30
Fletcher's Grove	5 25	2 00	25			7 50
Flint Ridge	7 45	50				7 95
Friendship	3 05				1 00	4 05
Long Pine	2 85		2 25			5 05
Madison Grove	4 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	11 00
Meltonsville	16 10	25			25	16 60
McLain Grove	3 20	50			60	4 30
Mt. Zion	2 50	75			25	3 50
New Zion	5 60	50			50	6 60
New Grove	4 85	50			50	5 85
Nicy Grove	7 00	1 43				8 43
Olive Branch	95	90	75		25	2 85
Parsons Grove	21 95		25		25	22 45
Pleasant Hill	2 65				50	3 15
Poplar Hill	4 40				50	4 90
Poplar Springs	7 85	1 25	50	25	55	10 40
Ramah Grove	7 50	25			25	8 00
Rockford E	8 70	1 00	6 00		25	15 95
Rockford W	10 15	1 00	3 25	25	50	15 15
Sandy Ridge	4 60	50			50	5 60
Saron	3 50	1 75	50		50	6 25
Shankle Grove	2 80		25			3 05
Timmonsville	3 70	65	20	15	10	4 80
White Oak	5 25	75			25	6 25

Collected on Representing Fee		$197.10
"	Missions	21.78
"	Local Education	22.50
"	Ministerial "	2.40
"	Aged Ministers Fund	9.80
"	By Public Collections	31.89
	Total	$280.37

Respectfully yours, Committee

ON PLACE

We, your Committee on Place, do recommend that the next sitting of the Zion Missionary Baptist Association be held with the Meltonsville Baptist Church, 8 miles south-east of Marshville, N. C., beginning Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct., 1916. Rev B J Parsons to preach the introductory sermon, Rev Jas Horne, Alternate. Respectfully yours, Committee

LIST OF SUPERANUATED MINISTERS

Revs J Ratliff, R Diggs, H D Tillman, D A Tillman, J N Bennett, and B J Parsons. We recommend that the ministers shall be put on the Superanuated list, only when they reach the age of 60 years; provided they are not disabled by application.

Rev B B Sturdivant C L Leak
A L Leak Committee

RECAPITULATION OF REPORTS

Number of churches reported 32
Number of Ordained Ministers 38
Added to the churches by baptism 295
Total membership 3942
Lost 90

Given to missions	$174.20
Given to Education	400.00
Given to aged ministers	31.14
Church expenses	4,103.55
Total contributions and expenses	$7.000
Value of School property	$6000.00

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call upon some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in written form whenever he deems it necessary.

2 The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members; minute the proceedings of the body and discharge such duties as belong to a recording secretary.

3. The members of the Association shall observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence that Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking should refrain from all such indecorous conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thought or feeling, or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the

Association without permission from the Moderator. Let all things be done decently and in order.

4. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who, while said committee's report is under discussion by the house, shall take the negative view of the majority of his committee.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of churches, to support the Gospel in destitute places among us; to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools wherever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in all parts of its plans of educational and missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist Churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinance, and of the doctrines of the regular Baptist denomination. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in churches in the bounds of this Association, and delegates elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and an Executive Board, of which the Moderator shall be a member ex-officio. These officers shall be elected annually, and serve until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The members convened in this Association shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 6 New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into the Association by sending their messengers to an an-

Ministers and Deacons' Union

Fletcher's Siding, S. C.,
Oct. 12th, 1915

The Ministers and Deacons' Union of Zion Association met promptly at 8 p. m with the Fletcher's Grove Baptist Church, Rev G T Tanner, the President, presiding. The congregation chanted "I am glad salvation is free." Second hymn 644 S. M Prayer was offered by Rev A C Chambers, after which Rev G T Tanner read as a scripture lesson Mark 16-11-20. "Come ye that love the Lord," etc., was sung by the congregation, and Rev Tanner spoke some very fitting words, then announced the house open and ready for business.

After which we proceeded to the program by discussing the difficulties in revivals

Rev H I Quick opened the discussion, and many others spoke on the same subject They spoke of the things that hindered.

The conclusion was understand yourselves, your people, and trust in God, and all difficulties will be submounted.

On motion, adjourn. Collection $1.26. Benediction by Rev G T Tanner.

MORNING SESSION

The Union re-assembled, the President in the chair. First hymn No. 344 C. M. Prayer was offered by Bro J C Cason. At which time the President announced the house open for business, and we resorted to the program. "To what extent have revivals been affective in your community this year?" was discussed. Rev A C Chambers was the first speaker on the subject, to which many others spoke also.

"Is our churches progressing? If not, why not?" which was ably discussed by Bro C C Horne.

On motion Rev G T Tanner be President; Bro V B Morgan, Vice-President; Bro J T Ratliff, Secretary, and Bro T J Bivens, Treasurer

On motion the Committee on Constitution be given another year to draw up a Constitution to govern this body.

On motion we hear the minutes of the session, which was read and approved. Motion, it be printed in the Association Minutes.

$1.00 was given to the Clerk, Bro A L Leak, for the printing of this minute.

Collection $2 00. Total collections $3.26.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by Rev R Diggs.

P. S.—Left in Treasury $2.26.

BRO. G. T. TANNER, President
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Bethel	$ 125 00	$20 00	$30 00	$ 2 00	$ 1 50	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	50		25		3 00	184 25	2 25	$ 550
Brown Creek	125 00	2 65	15 00	7 70	3 00	25	25	25	25	40	50	1 60	161 75	9 10	300
Chilson Grove	36 00	50	100 00	1 80	1 25	50	50			75			194 80	2 30	600
Deek Creek	200 00	8 25	31 95	25 00	26 52					11 60	10 00	19 75	338 85	25 00	3000
Ebenezar		103 00		1 50	4 65		70	23 00					143 35	2 20	750
Elizabeth M	250 00	62 45	41 75	8 50	14 40	50	50	50	50	5 00	50	29 59	414 19	16 00	2700
Elizabeth P. D.	57 78	2 80	23 00	2 15	77	1 00	85	5 51		45		30	94 47	3 50	500
Fletcher's Grove	300 00	5 00	70 00	5 25	5 00	2 50	1 00	3 00		25		30	395 30	5 50	1300
Flint Ridge	100 00	2 00	4 75	7 45	9 40	50					2 00	12 50	138 60	7 95	1000
Long Pine	65 00	17 65	4 15	2 85	1 00		50	3 75		8 50			104 70	4 10	1100
Madison Grove	85 00	7 35		4 00	3 80	3 15	1 00	2 50	1 00	3 50	1 00	7 80	125 95	11 00	2000
Meltonsville	200 00		10 00	16 10	20 25		25			2 71	25	10 50	260 01	16 60	1200
McLain's Grove	108 40		8 00	3 20	4 00		50				60	15 00	139 70	4 30	600
Mt. Zion	60 00	3 36	3 00	2 50	1 36	25	25	25	25	1 00	25	3 00	79 95	3 50	800
New Zion	100 50	15 57	40 51	5 60	3 30	50		5 00		1 00	50		184 33	6 60	500
New Grove	100 00			4 85	1 40		50				50		107 25	5 85	842 50
Nicy Grove	120 00	2 03	123 70	7 00	2 05		1 43	28 92			1 00	7 93	297 11	8 43	1500
Olive Branch	30 00	55	4 30	95	80	90	1 00	5 80		75	25		49 30	2 75	500
Parsons Grove	218 00	97 58	84 55	21 95	39 95		7 50	22 75		25	2 75		458 45	22 45	4000
Pleasant Hill	65 00	2 60	5 00	2 65	8 61						50	25	81 96	3 10	600
Poplar Hill	75 00			4 40	2 00		3 00	3 05			25		92 70	4 65	500
Poplar Spring	100 25	17 68	8 05	7 85	5 26	25	1 00		25	50		55	166 31	10 40	600
Ramah Grove	125 00	12 00	5 00	7 50	15 00	25		15 00			25		160 50	8 00	1500
Rockford E.	50 00	46 75		8 70				1 00		6 00	25		115 70	14 95	1600
Rockford W.	115 00	50 00	45 00	10 15	10 00	25	25	50	25	3 25	50		235 15	15 15	1500
Sandy Ridge	78 27			4 60	2 77	50					50		123 79	5 60	2000
Saron	125 00		4 60	3 50	2 15	1 00	75			50	50	4 20	142 20	6 25	1000
Shankle Grove	200 00	10 00	25 00	2 80	2 00	50	1 00	2 00		75			246 05	3 05	1500
Timmonsville	111 67	2 50		3 70	1 35	50	15	2 25	15	25	10		122 62	4 80	1000
White Oak	125 00	33 30	15 00	5 25	1 57	25	25	25			25		181 12	6 25	1036
Friendship	300 00	35 00	45 00	3 05				10 00			1 00	1 00	397 05	4 05	1500
Cedar Creek	75 00		6 40	2 60	2 25		25	25			25		95 50	3 25	1700

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Sabbath of Preaching	Baptized	Rec'd by L'r	Restored	Dis. by Let'r	Excluded	Died	Membership	Net Gain	Net Loss	Ord. Min'trs	Lic. Pre'ch's	PASTORS FOR 1916
Bethel		5				1		50		14			Rev W H Horne, Route 1, Morven N C
Brown Creek	3	11		3			2	154	11		2	2	J E P Little, Wadesboro N C
Cedar Creek	1	11	1		1	1		52		10			Rev B J Parsons, Lilesville N C
Chilson Grove	4	4	1			5	6	36	6				Rev J W Diggs, Route 1, Pee Dee N C
Deep Creek	2	25	9	7	5	9	6	515	21		5	2	Rev H I Quick, Rockingham N C
Ebenezar	4		1	1		1	1	30			2	2	Rev P C Covington, Gibson N C
Elizabeth M	1&2	14	9	2				170	25		3	2	Rev W T Sims, Chester S C
Elizabeth P. D.	2	5		2	2	1		43	4		1	1	Rev J F Davis, Route 2, Wingate N C
Fletcher's Grove	1&3	18		2		5		125	15		1	1	Rev W H Horne, Route 1, Morven N C
Flint Ridge	2	11	1	6		10	1	149	7		2		Rev B B Sturdivant, Polkton N C
Friendship	2&4	15	2	5		1		61	21		1		Rev J W Hawkins, Salisbury N C
Madison Grove	4			2		3	3	80		4			Rev B B Sturdivant, Polkton N C
Meltonsville	4	41	4	7		6	6	322		176	6	3	Rev J E P Little, Wadesboro N C
McLain's Grove	4	5		2				63	8			5	Rev W L Butler, Wadesboro N C
Mt. Zion	4	1		2			1	50		8		1	Rev J C Ellerbee, Route 1, Morven N C
New Zion	3	21	1	5	3	2	1	112	21			5	Rev B J Parsons, Lilesville N C
New Grove	1	3	1		3	1	1	97		1		2	Rev J E P Little, Wadesboro N C
Nicy Grove	1	23		1		3	2	140	20				Rev J R Faison, Wadesboro N C
Long Pine	3	10	2		6	1		57	3			1	Rev J C Ellerbee, Route 1, Morven N C
Olive Branch	3	3						19	3				Rev J F Davis, Route 1, Wingate N C
Parsons Grove	1	23	1	2	3	2	3	139	21		3	2	Rev J J Hines, Shannon N C
Pleasant Hill	1	3	4	2			1	53	9			2	Rev J C Ellerbee, Route 1, Morven N C
Poplar Hill	3	8		2				88	10		1	2	Rev J C Chambers, Route 6, Marshville N C
Poplar Spring	2	7		2	1	3	1	157		9	1		Rev J E P Little, Route 1, Wadesboro N C
Ramah Grove	2	8			5	17	4	150		16	2	1	Rev B J Parsons, Lilesville N C
Rockford E.	1	12	11		1	10		174		8	3	2	Rev R W Alsobrooks
Rockford W.	2	8	2	2			3	203		7		1	Rev J C Ellerbee, Route 1, Morven N C
Sandy Ridge	3			3	1	7		92		6	2	1	Rev B B Sturdivant, Polkton N C
Saron	2	2	2	4		4	2	70	2			2	Rev W L Butler, Wadesboro, N C
Shankle Grove	2	2						58		11	1	2	Rev W H Horne, Route 1, Morven N C
Timmonsville	1			1	3	5	2	74		36			Rev B B Sturdivant, Polkton N C
White Oak	4	5				4	1	105			3		Rev B J Parsons, Lilesville N C

nual meeting, with petition by letter, and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's Word.

Art. 7. Any regular Baptist Church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of $1.00 for each of its ordained ministers; 50c for each of its licensed preachers; 25c. for each of its Deacons, and 5c. for each of its other members, two-fifths of which shall be used for Associational funds; three-fifths for education, and by raising money for missions.

Art 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair and enforce order in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Order. He shall settle points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the body. The clerk and other officers shall perform the usual duties of such officers.

Art. 9. The Executive Board shall have the supervision of the ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall from time to time appoint the time and place of the Union Meetings, and employ such means as will most efficiently and effectively carry out the objects of the Association. All contributions collected in such meeting shall, at the direction of the Board, be appropriated to the design of the Association. They shall make report of the same to the Association.

Art. 10. The Treasurer shall hold all monies and valuable notes belonging to the Association, and shall pay all orders out of the same drawn on by the Association, signed by the Moderator and Recording Secretary. He shall hold his office until the last day of the sitting of the Association, when he, together with all other officers, shall be re-elected or another in his stead, and shall give bond to the full security of the Association's property in hand.

Art. 11. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than three delegates from each church, with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's Day in October,

at 11 o'clock A. M., with an introductory sermon, and continue until the business is completed.

Art. 12. No difficulty between churches, or church, shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 13. Any church, a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persist in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or delegate two successive years, shall be visited by suitable admonitions, and if it neglects to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 14. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us but not allowed to take part in our vote.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.